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### CICP Provider Meeting - March 19, 2010

The next CICP Provider Meeting has been scheduled for **Friday**, **March 19**, **2010 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m**. An agenda will be sent to providers prior to the meeting and will be posted on the Department's Web site.

The Provider meeting will be held at Denver Health Medical Center in the Rita Bass Building, **Ben Nighthorse Campbell Auditorium**, **190 W. 6**<sup>th</sup> **Ave. Denver, CO 80204, located on the southeast corner of 6**<sup>th</sup> **and Bannock.** Conference calling will be available. To RSVP and for conference call information, please contact Karen Talley at (303)866-2580 or email cicpcorrespondence@state.co.us.

### CICP Stakeholder Forum – February 25, 2010

The next CICP Stakeholder Forum has been scheduled for **Thursday**, **February 25**, **2010 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m**. Agenda items will include continued discussion of a CICP client complaint database, an online CICP application and the Expense Income Calculation. An agenda will be sent to stakeholders prior to the meeting and will be posted on the Department's Web site.

The Stakeholder Forum will be held at **225 E. 16th Avenue, Denver, Colorado 80203, Classroom 6a/6b**. Conference calling will be available. For conference call information, please call (303)866-2580 or email cicpcorrespondence@state.co.us.

### **CICP Provider Training and Provider Manual**

Annual CICP Training is fast approaching. Any provider that is interested in hosting the annual training should contact Karen Talley at (303)866-2580 or email cicpcorrespondence@state.co.us.

In an effort to make the training the most beneficial, suggestions, or questions for training topics are welcomed.

Until a new manual is made available, the most recent manual is in effect. In the interim, policy changes, clarifications, and updates are published in the CICP Communicates newsletter. Copies of newsletters are located at Colorado.gov/hcpf, click providers, CICP, newsletter.



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#### **CICP Welcomes New Staff**

Safety Net Programs is pleased to announce the addition of two new staff members. Gina DeCrescentis has joined the section as an accountant. Gina is a CPA and has many years of work experience as a tax accountant.

Cheryl Nelson has joined the section as the Safety Net Policy Unit Supervisor. Cheryl has worked with the Department since 2006. She started in the School Health Services position and for the last year has been working in Program Integrity. Prior to joining the Department, Cheryl worked at Denver Health as an Enrollment/Financial manager for Medicaid and CICP.

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

• Can a person who qualifies for Medicaid enroll in CICP?

**Answer:** Individuals who are potentially Medicaid eligible must receive a Medicaid denial prior to applying for CICP. Individuals who are waiting to become an enrollee in Child Health Plan *Plus* (CHP+), and/or have incurred charges at a participating CICP provider in the 90 days prior to the CICP application, may be enrolled on a temporary basis. Enrollment should not to exceed 3 months. More information can be found under Article VI in the FY 2008-09 CICP Manual, Eligibility, and Section 6.15.

• Are PET scans done as outpatient procedures billed at the inpatient copayment charge?

**Answer:** Yes. Ambulatory surgery, MRI, CT scan, PET, or Nuclear Medicine, may be billed at the inpatient copayment charge.

• How do CICP providers pick which services to provide beyond emergency hospital services?

**Answer:** CICP providers that elect to provide services beyond emergency hospital services do so at their discretion. Providers take into consideration their available resources and mission statements to determine what care can be offered under the CICP. This information is reported to the Department on the CICP Provider Application.

• Can a provider request 12 months of income?

**Answer:** No. The Department refers to eligibility determination as the "rating process." The Department intends that the rating process be uniform across the state. The rating process takes a "snapshot" of an applicant's financial resources as of the date the <u>rating</u> <u>takes place</u> and a signed application is obtained. More information can be found under Article II in the FY 2008-09 CICP Manual, Client Eligibility, and Section 2.01.

• Is it okay if the hospital chooses to waive the CICP copayment on certain occasions?

**Answer:** A provider can choose to waive or reduce copayments, but must report the copayment due per the CICP rating when submitting quarterly and annual summary reports to Shirley Jones.



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### **Frequently Asked Questions (continued)**

• Are prior year tax returns used to determine CICP eligibility?

**Answer:** No. CICP ratings are not based on the previous year tax returns. However, it may be appropriate to view the previous year income tax return for a guideline to determine the trend of income for self employed applicants. More information can be found under Article VII in the FY 2008-09 CICP Manual, Financial Eligibility, and Section 7.05.

### **Department Outreach Conferences 2010**

#### Who should attend?

- Individuals interested in better assisting Coloradans in applying for public health insurance
- Stakeholders interested in providing input on the new programs for Adults without Dependent Children and People with Disabilities (expansion populations under the Colorado Health Care Affordability Act)

#### **Dates and destination:**

- February 1 and 2 Durango
- February 3 and 4 Alamosa
- February 18 and 19 Denver
- February 24 and 25 Grand Junction
- March 3 and 4 Lamar
- March 17 and 18 Greeley
- March 30 and 31 Colorado Springs
- Locations can be found on: <a href="http://hcpftraining.gosignmeup.com/">http://hcpftraining.gosignmeup.com/</a>

#### **Conference topics include:**

- Department updates
- Introduction to Family Medicaid and CHP+ policy
- Certified Application Assistance Site training
- Presumptive Eligibility (PE) and Medical Assistance (MA) site application process
- How to assist a client with the Redetermination, Recertification, and Reassessment (RRR) process
- Family Medicaid and CHP+ for non-citizen groups overview
- Introduction to Single Purpose Application (SPA) Assistance
- Overview of Colorado's new online application and benefit tool: Colorado PEAK
- How to add-a-baby to a Medicaid and/or CHP+ case
- Public Forums about the Colorado Health Care Affordability Act (House Bill 09-1293) Medicaid Buy-In Program for people with disabilities and the Adults without Dependent Children expansion populations

Questions: outreach@hcpf.state.co.us



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# **Colorado Health Care Affordability Act Program Implementations**

We are pleased to announce that the first two programs made possible through the Colorado Health Care Affordability Act will be implemented on May 1, 2010.

It is important to remember that all program implementations are dependent upon the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, or CMS, approval of the provider fee. We expect approval by April 1, 2010. If the approval is delayed, we will need to delay implementations.

The first expansion will increase coverage for low-income adults by increasing Medicaid to 100% of the FPL for the parents of Medicaid eligible children through the Medicaid Parent Expansion. Currently, Medicaid covers parents with dependent children living in the household up to 60% of the FPL. The second expansion will increase coverage for children and pregnant women under CHP+ to 250% of the FPL.

The Department expects to bring rules authorizing these program expansions to the Medicaid Services Board in March 2010. Many of the low-income adults who will benefit from the Medicaid Parent Expansion are currently receiving limited discounted health care services under the CICP. The Department is working to establish a simplified enrollment process to allow providers, community based organizations and clients that will allow many of these adults to enroll into Medicaid without submitting a new application. The Department will begin training the beginning of April that will include policy guidance.

#### **Rural Health Center Grants**

Governor Bill Ritter announced that \$1 million in grant funding is now available through the Colorado Rural Health Care Grant Council for projects that support Colorado's rural health care infrastructure. This is the third cycle of grants through the Colorado Rural Health Care Grant Program that will, by 2012, deliver a total of \$7.5 million to strengthen rural health care services.

The grants will help rural Coloradoans get primary care services where they live and work. It is one of the administration's initiatives to strengthen and mend the state's safety net and have basic health care services available throughout the state.

The Colorado Rural Health Care Grants Program offers grants of up to \$50,000 to *improve* the provision of health services in rural Colorado. The next due date will be **March 11**, **2010.** Eligible entities include primary care providers in rural Colorado who also provide services such as medical, oral, and mental health to underserved people. "Underserved people" includes those without insurance or those covered by Medicaid or CHP+. There is no requirement on the number or percentage of underserved people seen, only that some level of such services be provided.

The provider organizations can be not-for-profit organizations, public agencies, or for-profit entities. The grant funds must be used for infrastructure rather than salaries or general operations. This means things like equipment, construction, physical plant improvements,



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#### **Rural Health Center Grants (continued)**

vehicles, information technology, or staff training and education. Preference will be given to those who have not been funded in the past.

If you are new to grant writing, do not worry. There will be three grant writing workshops held to help with the application process – February 4, 2010 in Fort Morgan, February 10, 2010 in Gunnison, and February 24, 2010 in Denver.

For more information on the Colorado Rural Health Center (CRHC) grant application process and eligibility requirements, visit CRHC's web site at www.coruralhealth.org.

#### **General Reminders**

- The CICP has a designated email address for all provider eligibility inquiries: cicpcorrespondence@state.co.us.
- Please e-mail Karen Talley at cicpcorrespondence@state.co.us, with any relevant staff, telephone number or address changes.
- Providers can access CICP information at Colorado.gov/hcpf. Click the CICP Provider icon, click CICP on the left menu and select from the listed topics.
- Providers who have not yet submitted their FY 2009 CICP Provider Compliance Audit, please do so. You may mail to CICP Compliance Audit; Attn. Shirley Jones, 1570 Grant Street, Denver, CO 80203-1818. Please direct any questions to Shirley Jones at (303)866-5506 or Shirley.Jones@state.co.us.



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